



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

. . . .

Title:

ELECTRONIC APPARATUS HAVING A LATCH TO HOLD TWO UNITS IN A CLOSED POSITION AND TO BE OPERATED FOR RELEASE

Appl. No.:

10/635,697

Yuji Nakajima

Filing Date:

August 5, 2003

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

Unassigned

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

I hereby certify that the following paper(s) and/or fee along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement
- 2. PTO SB08 form (5 refs. listed, only 3 enclosed)
- 3. Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

September 8, 2004

Date

David A. Blumenthal

Reg. No. 26,257

Foley & Lardner LLP Customer Number: 23392 Telephone: (310) 277-2223 Facsimile: (310) 557-8475

Atty. Dkt. No. DOCKET NO. 026304-0209

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Yuji NAKAJIMA

CERTMAIL

Title:

ELECTRONIC APPARATUS
HAVING A LATCH TO HOLD
TWO UNITS IN A CLOSED
POSITION AND TO BE
OPERATED FOR RELEASE

Appl. No.:

10/635,697

Filing

08/05/2003

Date:

Examiner:

To be assigned

Art Unit:

2836

UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form SB/08 is a listing of a document documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document (except US patents) is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached SB/08 form was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

Applicant respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

FOLEY & LARDNER

Customer Number: 22428

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Telephone: (202) 672-5407

Facsimile: (202) 672-5399 Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 26,257

David A. Blumenthal

PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of \$95, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Date Submitted:

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

| Complete if Known | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Application Number | 10/635,697 | | | | |
| Filing Date | 08/05/2003 | | | | |
| First Named Inventor | Yuji Nakajimal | | | | |
| Group Art Unit | 2836 | | | | |
| Examiner Name | To be assigned | | | | |
| Attorney Docket Number | DOCKET_NO 026304-0209 | | | | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent D | Document | Name of Datastas as Applicant of | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant | | |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | | Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | | |
| | | 5580107 | Α | Bryan Howell | 12-03-1996 | Column 2, line 55-Column 3, line 12, Figures 1A-2 | | |
| | | 6517129 | B1 | Chung-Chi Chien, Wu-Yung Chen | 02-11-2003 | Column 3, line 35-Column 4, line 55, Figures 1-4 | | |
| | | | | · | | | | |
| | | | | | | , | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u> </u> | | | |
| | | | | · | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | - | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | • | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|---------|---|---|--|--|----------------|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No.1 | Foreign Patent Document Office ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | Т ⁶ | |
| | · | EP | 1256868 | Α | Hewlett-Packard Co | 11-13-2002 | Paragraphs 0008- 0013, Figures 1-3 | | |
| | | EP | 0355203 | Α | Great Electronics Corp | 02-28-1990 | Figure 1 | | |
| | | EP | 0703523 | Α | IBM | 03-27-1996 | Column 3, line 33- line 7, Figure 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | - | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| Examiner Signature | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control

| | Substitute for form | 14458 | | Complete if Known | | | |
|-------|---------------------|--------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| • | INFORMATION DI | SCLO | SURE | Application Number | 10/635,697 | | |
| | STATEMENT BY | APPLI | CANT | Filing Date | 08/05/2003 | | |
| | Date Subm | ittad: | | First Named Inventor | Yuji Nakajimal | | |
| | Date Subm | mea: | | Group Art Unit | 2836 | | |
| (| (use as many sheets | as ne | cessary) | Examiner Name | To be assigned | | |
| Sheet | 2 | of | 2 | Attorney Docket Number | DOCKET_NO 026304-0209 | | |

| · · - | OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No.1 | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| • | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
| g | • | | |

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.